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**Box PATENT APPLICATION**  
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New U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application  
Title: POLYPEPTIDES CONTAINING POLYMORPHISMS OF THE  
REPEATED REGIONS OF PERTACTIN IN *BORDETELLA*  
*PERTUSSIS*, *BORDETELLA PARAPERTUSSIS*, AND *BORDETELLA*  
*BRONCHISEPTICA*, THEIR USE IN DIAGNOSTICS, AND IN IMMUNOGENIC  
COMPOSITIONS  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 55 pages, including title page and Abstract, 4 independent claims, and 11 claims total.
2. Drawings - 1 sheet of formal drawings (Figures 1a, 1b, and 1c).
3. Applicants claim the right to priority based on Provisional Patent Application No. 60/206,969, filed May 25, 2000.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

Respectfully submitted,

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